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Letter dated 13 August 1995 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith a copy of a letter from Mr. Vladislav Jovanović, Federal Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, addressed to Mr. Thorvald Stoltenberg, Co-Chairman of the International Conference on the Former Yugoslavia (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under item 81 of the provisional agenda, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Dragomir DJOKIĆ
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ANNEX

Letter dated 13 August 1995 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Yugoslavia addressed to Mr. Thorvald Stoltenberg, Co-Chairman of the International Conference on the Former Yugoslavia

Despite the efforts of the Co-Chairmen, members of the Contact Group, Security Council and a number of prominent international public figures, the unscrupulous aggression of Croatia against the United Nations Protected Areas and the military presence of the regular units of the Croatian military in the territory of the former Bosnia and Herzegovina continue unabated. In joint operations with the Muslims the regular units of the Croatian armed forces are fighting the Serbs along the entire line of the front of the former Bosnia and Herzegovina. At the same time, Croatia carries out attacks against the territory of the former Republic of Yugoslavia. The former Republic of Yugoslavia considers those attacks an aggression on its territory:

- On 12 August 1995, Croatian armed forces continued their aggressive activities along the entire line of separation in the United Nations Protected Area Sector East, particularly near Osijek, operating incessant small-arms and mortar fire.

- On 12 August 1995, regular units of the Croatian armed forces shelled the positions of the armed forces of the Republic of Srpska in the area of Trebinje.

- On 12 August 1995, units of the armed forces of Croatia from the area of Dunave Krajnje (Pelinovo brdo) engaged with mortar fire objectives of the army of Yugoslavia, the observation post in the area of Debela Ljut and the area of Kožen Do.

- At the same time, regular units of the Croatian armed forces continue their joint operations with Muslim units along the entire line of the front.

It is obvious that, by its aggressive acts, Croatia is trying to provoke large-scale armed conflicts in the entire region. It is firm in its attempts to achieve by aggression and violence what it will not be able to achieve in peace.

For its part, the former Republic of Yugoslavia, which is lastingly and genuinely committed to peace and a peaceful solution to the crisis, with full respect for the interests and equality of all concerned, will invest its best efforts to avoid being provoked and will continue to render a concrete contribution to peace and stability in the region in which we live.

I therefore call on you to take urgent and concrete measures within your competence, particularly in cooperation with the member States of the Contact Group, to compel Croatia to cease fire and establish peace in the entire region

and to stop and prevent Croatian aggressive acts. In the interest of peace, each and every future behaviour of Croatia of this type must result in a negative consequence for it.

(Signed) Vladislav JOVANOVIĆ